



**Andrew R. Cowens** , formerly of St. Johnsbury, Vt., passed away at the Woodridge Nursing Home in Berlin, Vt., on Friday, June 15, 2007 at the age of 83. He was born in St. Johnsbury on Sept. 15, 1923, the son of Andrew B. and Exilia (Sevigny) Cowens. He married Betty Gervais on Sept. 24, 1945. He and Betty raised their family on North Avenue in St. Johnsbury. Andy served in the Navy during World War II and was a member of the American Legion. He was a retired letter carrier at the St. Johnsbury Post Office. Following retirement, the Cowenses moved to Lake Wales, Fla., where he and Betty lived for 26 years. They returned to Vermont a year ago and made their home in Montpelier. Andy enjoyed coaching basketball at Catholic Central School and at the St. Johnsbury Rotary basketball program. He was also a basketball official and tennis buff. He is survived by his wife, Betty, of Montpelier (191 Barre St. 05602); four children: Nancy Comey of Stowe; Marty Cowens and his wife, Charlene, of Littleton, N.H.; Dave Cowens and his wife, Vicki, of Monroe, N.H.; Nathan ?Putt? Cowens and his wife, Kathy, of Middlesex, Vt.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren: Eric Lumbra, his wife, Erica, and their two children, Lucas and Tucker; Megan and Amy Cowens; Jamie and Alison Cowens; Kylie and Kristen Cowens. A funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Johnsbury on Tuesday, June 19, at 4 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church. The family will receive friends at the Sayles Funeral Home Monday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions could be

directed to the Good Shepherd School, P.O. Box 146, St. Johnsbury VT  
05819.